

**REMARKS**

Claims 8, 10-16, 18 and 19 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-7 were previously cancelled. Claims 10-15, 18 and 19 were previously presented. Claims 8 and 16 are amended. Claims 9 and 17 are cancelled.

**Claims****Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 8, 10-16, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Slattery et al (U.S. 6,111,896). Under 35 U.S.C 102(b), for a reference to anticipate a claimed invention, each and every element of the claim must be found in the reference.

Claim 8 is amended to recite, *inter alia*, " system for synchronizing clocks across a network, comprising... a device that receives a signal from a broadcast source that comprises a plurality of packets, at least a portion of the plurality of packets comprising an embedded time stamp...a device that detects the at least a portion of the plurality of packets containing the embedded time stamp...and a device that computes an adjusted time stamp based on the embedded timestamp and a precision local clock and incorporates the adjusted timestamp into the at least a portion of the plurality of packets containing the embedded timestamp after converting the at least a portion of the packets into Internet Protocol packets and prior to transmitting the at least a portion of the plurality of packets to the network." (Emphasis added) Support for the amendment can be found in canceled claim 9 and in the application on page 7, lines 21-25.

In the rejection of claim 9 (which is now incorporated into amended claim 1), the Office Action states that Slattery et al discloses (at col. 42, line 47 to col. 43, line 3) that "at least a portion of the packets are converted into Internet Protocol ("IP") packets prior to being transmitted to the network". Applicants respectfully disagree.

The cited section of Slattery et al appears to merely disclose a transmit control protocol (TCP) for buffering data packets. Slattery et al does not appear to disclose or

teach the "at least a portion of the packets are converted into Internet Protocol ("IP") packets prior to being transmitted to the network" element of cancelled claim 9 let alone the "device that...incorporates the adjusted timestamp into the at least a portion of the plurality of packets containing the embedded timestamp after converting the at least a portion of the packets into Internet Protocol packets and prior to transmitting the at least a portion of the plurality of packets to the network" element of amended claim 8. As a result, since Slattery et al lacks an element recited by amended claim 8 it is respectfully proposed that the rejection for anticipation is overcome.

Dependent claims 10-15 being dependent on and further limiting independent claim 8, should be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations that they contain. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in view of the above remarks.

Independent claim 16 is amended to contain elements similar to independent amended claim 8. Support for the amendment can be found in canceled claim 17 and in the application on page 7, lines 21-25. Amended independent claim 16 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 8, discussed above. Therefore, it is respectfully proposed that the rejection for anticipation is overcome.

Dependent claims 18 and 19 being dependent on and further limiting amended independent claim 16, should be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations that they contain. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in view of the above remarks.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney, Vincent Duffy, at (818) 260-4599 so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee, other than the fee discussed above, is believed due. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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